

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2004.

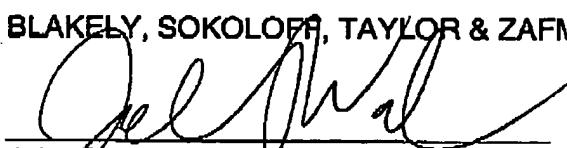
Restriction Requirement

The Office Action includes a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 between Group I, containing claims 1-8 and 27-35 drawn to a semiconductor device, and Group II, containing claims 9-26 drawn to a method of making semiconductor devices. Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-8 and 27-35, while canceling claims 9-26 of Group II without prejudice.

It is respectfully asserted by Applicant that all presently standing claims are now in condition for allowance. Please charge any additional fees due to our Deposit Account No. 02-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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